(d) During the visit, it was agreed that the early resolution of the boundary question would advance the basic interests of the two countries and should be pursued as a strategic objective. The Special Representatives on the boundary question were asked to intensify their work to arrive at a boundary settlement on the basis of the Agreement on Political Parameters and Guiding Principles signed on 11 April, 2005.

(e) Yes.

Retrieving of 'Kacha Theevu' Island

3089. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to take up with Sri Lankan authorities retrieval of 'Kacha Theevu' from Sri Lanka which was gifted to them many decades back and which has now become a bone of contention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the Agreements concluded with Sri Lanka in 1974 and 1976, the Kacha Theevu Island lies on the Sri Lankan side of the India-Sri Lanka International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL). Both these agreements were subsequently laid before the Parliament.

Suchetgarh-Nankana Sahib bus service

3090. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a bus service between Suchetgarh (J&K) to Nankana Sahib (Pakistan) for the benefit of large number of Sikhs of J&K and neighbouring areas who go every year to

Nankana Sahib to pay obeisance;

(b) whether this route is the shortest for the pilgrims; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to start a bus service between Suchetgarh and Nankana Sahib. However, in the framework of Composite Dialogue process, India has proposed a number of measures for enhancing people-to people contact including *inter alia* pilgrimages and starting of a bus service from Jammu to Sialkot.

Joint operation against LeT

3091. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America has offered any proposal for joint operations against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT);

(b) if so, the details of proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that Indian Government have rejected US offer of joint operations against LeT; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving intelligence agencies while terrorists are using various innovative methods like internet terror, electronic money transfer for increasing terrorist activities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Government pursue a multi-dimensional approach to deal with terrorist activities. The Government have taken measures to enhance the capacity of the intelligence machinery to counter new methods being used by terrorists.